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### THINK FOOD School Nutrition Programs August 2007



#### SCHEDULED TRAININGS: MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY!

**Administrative Regional Training:** This training is for school administrators, clerks and secretaries. Learn about free and reduced-price meal applications, program requirements, and much more. Training will occur on *September 26 in Helena, September 27 in Great Falls, September 28 in Missoula and Billings, and October 24 in Glendive (more information coming soon!)*.

**Nutrikids Menu Planning Training:** This training by Amy Guza, MPH, RD, Team Nutrition consultant will be held in Helena on Monday, September 24 to assist you in planning menus using Nutrikids, a nutrient standard menu planning software program. Registration information is available on our Web site. This is a beginner to intermediate class on the menu planning module. There is no

registration fee but registration is required.

**Food Safety/HACCP Training:** This training will be held in Bozeman on Friday, October 19 to assist you in meeting USDA's new food safety/HACCP requirements. For registration and more information, check out the Food Safety - HACCP Plan Web site at: <http://www.opi.mt.gov/schoolfood/HACCP.html>. There is no registration fee.

**Foodservice Manager Regional Training:** This training for foodservice managers will provide something for everyone, both new and experienced. Topics will include what to expect during a review, program requirements, tips and tricks for filling out paperwork, and a chance to exchange ideas with others. Training will occur on *October 24 in Helena, October 25 in Glendive and Great Falls, and October 26 in Missoula and Billings (more information coming soon!)*.



**NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK**  
Celebrate National School Lunch Week "Vote for School Lunch" during the week of *October 15-19, 2007*. Contact us to help you prepare for these events or go to School Nutrition Association's Web site for more information:

<http://www.schoolnutrition.org/>.

### GET THE FACTS!

The USDA has been working on improving the Commodity Fact Sheets. They are now available at the following Web site: <http://www.commodityfoods.usda.gov/facts.htm>

The new Fact Sheets include the commodity code listing along with added nutritional information.



Check out the Navigation Tips for NSLP Commodity Fact Sheets. It will guide you in locating and viewing the newly formatted fact sheets along with bookmarking the site for faster/easier access.



### SCHOOL YEAR 2007-08 VALUE OF DONATED FOODS

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Commodity Assistance Rate for school year 2007-08 is .1875 cents per meal. This is an increase of 1.75 cents over the previous school year.

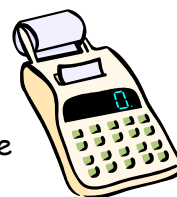
This rate does not reflect the requirement that not less than 12 percent

of all federal support in the NSLP be provided in the form of commodity food. A combined figure of .1875 cents plus the 12 percent provision equals an estimated .2084 cents per meal. Your Planned Assistance Level (PAL) will be calculated at the higher rate.

The rate is calculated from figures provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics that are based on the Producer Price Index.

### ENTITLEMENT CALCULATIONS

The Planned Assistance Level (PAL) represents the dollar value of the USDA commodities your school is eligible to receive during the school year.



PAL is calculated by taking your Average Daily Meals (ADM) from the 2006-07 school year times the per-meal value of donated food assistance for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). The per-meal value is published each year by the USDA. The 2007-08 school year is .2084 cents per meal.

An updated PAL list will be available on the School Nutrition Programs Web site <http://www.opi.mt.gov/schoolfood/index.html> soon. You may also find your entitlement on the Notice of Shipment you receive prior to each shipment.

